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PURSUANT TO EMBASSY INQUIRIES, AN OFFICIAL OF THE GREEK SUPREME COURT (AREAS PAGOS) INFORMED EMBASSY NOVEMBER 7 THAT "EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW" COURT'S DECISION (CURRENTLY BEING "PROOF-RED") WOULD BE PUBLISHED REGARDING CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPINGS WHICH ARE FIELDING CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 17 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. THIS DECISION IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE SINCE UNDER 1974 ELECTORAL LAW (SEE ATHENS AIRGRAM A-310) ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND AND THIRD ALLOCATION OF SEATS REQUIRES AN INDIVIDUAL PARTY TO OBTAIN ONLY SEVENTEEN PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL VOTE TOTAL WHILE TWO AND THREE PARTY COALITIONS ARE REQUIRED TO GARNER TWENTY-FIVE AND THIRTY PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.

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